



DR. AMBEDKAR DOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP SCHEME

“Cultivation of mind should
be the ultimate aim of
human existence”

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Columbia University (USA) conferred the Honorary Degree of L.L.D. to Dr. Ambedkar in its Bi-Centennial celebration special Convocation held in New York- 1952.

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1. Background

1.1 Dr. Ambedkar International Centre, located at 15 Janpath in the heart of New Delhi, has been set-up by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India. The aims of DAIC are to promote and support high-quality research on social and economic issues by developing a national database through various studies conducted from time to time, disseminate knowledge aggregated through the research work and nurture social scientists to meet the needs of users and beneficiaries. Dr. Ambedkar International Centre (DAIC) has been envisaged to be the Centre of Excellence for study, research analysis and policy briefs in the field of Socio-economic Transformation and Buddhist Studies. The Centre works on reducing discrimination and exclusion and monitors progress towards more inclusive society. The other important areas of research which DAIC is going to take up are theory of social and economic transformation of Dr. Ambedkar, transformational and developmental aspects of Buddhism, policy review and policy advocacy and sustainable development and livelihood through various activities in the Centre. The knowledge product will not only be used to support industry and business houses, but also to back all branches related to social sciences aiming to uplift the life of people.



1.2 The Centre (DAIC) was envisaged as a Centre of Excellence which takes forward Dr. B.R. Ambedkar's philosophy and contributes in improving the lives of marginalized sections of society. The Centre is designed to promote multi-disciplinary academic, as well as practice-oriented studies and encourage cutting edge research. The Centre is designed to be a body that serves as think- tank for development of social sector, and it intends to, through research, feed and impact the policies of the Government of India. DAIC is also set up to undertake the following activities as part of the research portfolio:

- i. To promote and support high-quality research on social and economic issues.

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- ii. To develop a national data base through various studies conducted from time to time.
- iii. To disseminate knowledge aggregated through the research work and nurture social scientists to meet the needs of users and beneficiaries.
- iv. To communicate and promote public understanding of social science to encourage involvement in research.
- v. To undertake research activities which may help the Government in reviewing policies related to social welfare and social justice.
- vi. To conduct research on vision, theories, principles and policies of nation building propounded by Dr. Ambedkar which have contributed in meeting the challenges of socio-economic transformation and inclusive growth.
- vii. To undertake empirical research in the field of sustainable development and livelihood and to apply it for the benefit of society.

Since the inception, DAIC has made ‘Socio-economic Transformation’ a niche area of its research activities through lectures, internship programme, seminars, conferences and panel discussions for University students. Under the broad research area of Socio-economic Transformation, the following are priority research segments:

- i. Trends and patterns of Socio-economic Transformation in Rural India
- ii. Urbanization, Migration and Socio-economic Transformation
- iii. Socio-economic Transformation for Nomadic Tribes in Urban Area
- iv. Tackling Inequalities through Social and Economic Empowerment
- v. Policies for Socio-economic Transformation and Sustainable Development
- vi. Caste and gender-based Identities and Challenges for Inclusive Growth
- vii. Policies for Better Livelihood for economically Backward Classes and other allied sectors such as Transgender, Rag Picker, Beggars, etc.
- viii. Dr. Ambedkar’s Thoughts and Philosophy on Socio-economic Transformation
- ix. Sustainable Development and its Goals
- x. Welfare Policies and Schemes by the Government for SC, ST, OBC, EWS Divyangjan, and Minorities
- xi. Entrepreneurship Development for Youth, Women, Aspirational Districts and Rural India
- xii. Social Acceptability, Laws and Welfare Policies for Transgender

2. About Dr. Ambedkar Doctoral Fellowship

2.1. Dr. Ambedkar International Centre (DAIC), under the financial assistance of Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, (GoI) has started Dr. Ambedkar Doctoral Fellowship.

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2.2. The Fellow is expected to undertake research and publication in one or more areas of Socio-economic Transformation mentioned in para 1.3. The fellow will have to take up a new research work under the fellowship and he/she is strongly expected to generate a publishable manuscript towards the end of the fellowship. The fellow is also expected to conduct two seminars, and contribute in other academic activities of DAIC including setting up a digital archive on Socio-economic Transformation and Buddhist Studies.



3. Objectives

The Objectives of Fellowship are:

- To provide an opportunity to scholars to carry out advanced studies and research in the fields of Socio-economic Transformation, Sustainable Development and Buddhist Studies.
- To bridge the gap between policy for Socio-economic Transformation and Sustainable Development and their impact after implementation.
- To foster and promote collaborative research activities which will help in providing policy feeds.
- To contribute in overall Nation building plan through applied research.

4. Eligibility

- 4.1 UGC-NET.
- 4.2 Admission in a recognized university/institution, preferably in the top 100 institution/universities as per NIRF Ranking 2020.
- 4.3 Maximum Age Limit– 30 years (5 years relaxation to the reserved category candidates as defined in Govt. of India norms).
- 4.4 Candidate should be eligible for registering for regular and full time Ph. D courses in a University/Academic Institution.

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5. Selection Procedure for Doctoral Fellows

5.1 Advertisement - Selection will be made through open advertisement along with request letters to top hundred universities/institutions for a total vacancies i.e. 40.

5.2 Scrutiny of verification of documents and eligibility - Scrutiny of applications (without identity of applicants) received will be done at DAIC by a duly constituted committee constituted after coding by Director, DAIC.

5.3 Evaluation Criteria

Short-listing of candidates will be done on the basis of following evaluation criteria:

- a) Marks obtained by the candidate in his post-graduation degree examination;
- b) Research paper publication, other relevant publication.
- c) The research proposal received along with the application and
- d) Interview.

5.4 Distribution of marks out of 100

Criteria	Detail		Max: Marks
	Percentage (General)	Percentage (Reserved)	
Percentage of marks in Post-graduation	70% and Above (10 Marks)	65% and above (10 Marks)	10
	60%-69% (8 Marks)	55%-64% (8 Marks)	
	55% - 59% (5 Marks)	50%-54% (5 Marks)	
The Rank in UGC-NET	<u>JRF qualified:</u> (50) marks <u>Only NET:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Under 5,000 rank: (max 40 Marks) • 5001-7,000 rank: (Max 30 Marks) • 7,001-10,000 rank: (Max 20 Marks) • Above 10,000 rank : (Max 10 marks) 	<u>JRF qualified:</u> (50) marks <u>Only NET:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Under 10,000 rank: (Max 40 Marks) • 10,001-15,000 rank: (Max 30 Marks) • 15,001-20,000 rank: (Max 20 Marks) • Above 20,000 rank : (Max 10 Marks) 	50
Evaluation of the Research proposal and its relevance to Society			20
Interview			20
Total			100

Note: Marks for the UGC-NET exam would be pro-rata based on the rank subject to the maximum specified.

5.5 Research Proposal- The candidate shall submit along with application a research proposal in about 2500 words in a prescribed format and must contain aims and objectives, research methodology, tentative chapterisation, hypothesis and focused area with appropriate existing and proposed welfare policy as broad headings.

5.6 Declaration of Results- The result of the selected candidates will be declared after the approval of the list by the Member Secretary, DAF.

5.7 The Reservation Policy as per GOI norms shall be implemented and factored in for final merit list. The distribution of vacancies are as following:

S.No.	Category	Seats Reserved
1.	UR	15
2.	SC	6
3.	ST	3
4.	OBC	11
5.	EWS	4
6.	PwD (Persons with disabilities)	1
Total Seats		40

5.8. Notification Post selection procedure, (list of the selected candidates recommended by the selection committee and duly approved by the Member Secretary) will be notified by the Director, DAIC for award of fellowship and a copy of the notification will be sent to the candidates and the same will be displayed on DAIC website.

5.9. Time Lines

The following calendar of activities and time lines will be followed:

Activity	Timeline
Date of advertisement published in Newspapers	10 th August, 2020
Date of writing letters to Universities/Institutions	31 st July, 2020
Last date of submitting application form	7 th September, 2020.
Date of completion of verification, evaluation and eligibility check	15 th September, 2020
Interviews	21 st to 26 th September, 2020
Declaration of result/ issue of notification	30 th September, 2020
Commencement of fellowship	12 th October, 2020

6. Duration of Dr. Ambedkar Doctoral Fellowship

The timeline for **Dr. Ambedkar Doctoral Fellowship** is set for 2+1 years. Under no circumstances, the timeline shall be extended.

7. Award of Dr. Ambedkar Doctoral Fellowship

7.1 **Dr. Ambedkar Doctoral Fellowship** will be awarded taking into consideration the overall merit and research aptitude of the scholars with the following conditions:

7.1.1. Initially, the Fellowship will be awarded for two years and is extendable for a maximum period of consecutive one year or till the date of submission of PhD Thesis, whichever is earlier.

7.1.2. Each Ph. D Scholar, who is awarded Fellowship, will have to work on whole time basis and will attend his/ her respective University/DAIC regularly to carry on his/her Research work under the guidance of his/her supervisor and a joint supervisor from DAIC.

7.1.3. The Scholar will have to undertake academic/research load of DAIC to be assigned by his/her joint supervisor time to time.

7.1.4. The Scholar will regularly submit his/her six monthly Progress Report to be monitored by the Research Advisory Committee (RAC) as further continuance of Fellowship will depend on satisfactorily Progress Report of the research work done by him/her.

7.1.5. The Scholar will publish at least two Research Papers during the entire period of research in a UGC listed/ Refereed Journal.

7.1.6. The Scholar will complete his/her Ph. D Programme and shall submit his/her Ph. D Thesis within the prescribed period as per provisions under the rules by his/her respective University failing which he/she will have to refund the entire amount Drawn by him/her under Fellowship.

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8. Cost Analysis

8.1. Cost estimate for the Dr. Ambedkar Doctoral Fellowship:

Nature of Assistance	Doctoral
Duration	2 + 1 Years
Monthly Fellowship with annual increase of ` 3000/-	` 35,000/-
HRA* Per Month	` 6,000/-
Contingency Fund per Annum**	` 25,000/-
Escorts / Reader Assistance Per Month in cases of (Divyangs) physically disabled & blind candidates	` 3,000/-
National Travel Per Month***	` 5,000/-

* The amount indicated is maximum permissible. Eligible amount will be fixed on actual rent agreement basis. No HRA will be paid to the local residents.

** The amount indicated is maximum permissible. Eligible amount will be fixed by assessing the Research Project. The equipments and books purchased, if any, out of the Contingency grant will be the property of DAIC and will have to be deposited at the time of submission of the thesis.

*** The amount indicated is maximum permissible. The amount will not be given in advance. It will be reimbursed through proper channel after verification of the approved travel plan by the competent authority and on the basis of hard copies of travel tickets.

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9. Allocation of Joint Supervisor

9.1. The academic faculty of DAIC with a Ph.D degree shall be recognized as Joint Research Supervisor.

9.2. The allocation of Joint Research Supervisor for a selected research scholar shall be decided by DAIC depending on the specializations among the available Supervisors and research interests.

9.3. If the Joint Research Supervisor of a candidate desires to withdraw his/her name due to some valid reason(s), the competent authority may allow the candidate to work with his/her Research Supervisor of the respective University, on the recommendation of the Research Advisory Committee, comprising academic staff of DAIC and two external members (to be nominated by Director, DAIC). Joint supervisor from DAIC may be changed only under extraordinary circumstances.

10. Research Topics

10.1. After completing codal formalities, the candidate will give a presentation of the synopsis of his/her proposed research programme before the Board of Studies of the respective University/Institution. One academic staff from DAIC will be nominated for BOS.

10.2. After approval of the topic and synopsis of the Research Scholar with name of the Supervisor/Joint Supervisor by DAIC, the respective University will host/upload the Synopsis on the topic approved on the INFLIBNET website of 'Shodhgangotri (shodhganga.inflibnet.ac.in).'

11. Measurable Indicators

11.1. The Universities/Institutions are expected to divided three years doctoral scheme into six measurable units. The work of the researcher will be evaluated through the following evaluation method:

- i. Six Months(Presentation and Research Paper Preparation)
- ii. Second Six Months (Progression Report, Publication of a Research Paper)
- iii. Third Six Months (Presentation of Chapter/Chapters)
- iv. Fourth Six Months (Presentation of Draft theses and organising/attending a National/International Seminar)
- v. Fifth Six Months (Pre-Submission Presentation/ Thesis Writing/Publication of Research Paper)
- vi. Sixth Six Months (Thesis Submission)

11.2. The affiliating University of the candidate shall develop appropriate methods so as to complete the entire process of evaluation of Ph. D thesis.

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11.3. Prior to the submission of the thesis, the scholar shall make a pre submission in the form of presentation before the committee constituted by concerned University, including the Joint Supervisor of DAIC. The feedback and comments obtained from them may be suitably incorporated into the Draft thesis under the guidance of his/her supervisor and joint supervisor.

12. Target Beneficiaries

12.1. Although the scheme has not been designed for any location, area and segment of population yet the Government of India norms will be followed during the selection for all candidates. The candidates for **Dr. Ambedkar Doctoral Fellowship** will be registered at a University in India through proper channel.

12.2. In total, **40 Dr. Ambedkar Doctoral Fellowship** both for Indian and foreign student will be awarded through a mechanism to identify the deserving candidate may be as follows:

12.2.1. The candidates registered for a Ph. D degree, in a University (as per the provisions of the University Grant Commission in India) will be eligible to apply for the fellowship. The concerned University would invite applications from the candidates who have completed their course work.

12.3. ~~Specific Interventions:~~ The schemes is dedicated to socio-economic transformation, thereby including the marginalized and the socially and economically backward groups. Therefore, Government of India norms for welfare of SC, ST, OBC, EWC, etc. will be followed in selection of the fellows.

13. Gender Balance

13.1. A fair try will be made for selection of women candidates in case sufficient number of applications is received and proposals are found as per the criteria decided by DAIC.

14. Special Interventions

Although no special provisions have been made which may go against the rules made by the Government of India yet at least 10% seats may be given to North-East States, Bengal and Orissa as some researchers from these states will be immensely helpful in conducting research on inclusive growth and affirmative actions in North-East Region.

15. Documents to be submitted by the Doctoral Fellows

- (A) Attested copies of the:
- (i) Matriculation Pass Certificate or an equivalent Examination Certificate issued by the Board/University for date of birth.
 - (ii) Senior Secondary Pass Certificate (10+2).
 - (iii) Detailed Mark Cards (DMCs) of Examinations of all the Parts of the Graduation

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- Degree.
- (iv) DMCs of Examinations of all the Parts of the Master's Degree/Qualifying Examination in the relevant discipline.
 - (v) DMCs of Examinations of M.Phil. Or any other Research completed by the candidates, if any, also submit the Papers offered.
 - (vi) Certificate of qualifying the UGC/CSIR NET/SLET, GATE, if any.
 - (vii) Character Certificate reporting on the inter-personal/social behavioral pattern of the applicant issued by the Institution last attended by the candidate.
 - (viii) DMC of the Course Work, if any, already completed from the respective University, and a Transcript of the Post Graduate Degree (**Only for Doctoral Candidates**).
 - (ix) No Objection Certificate from the Employer, in case the candidate is in a regular service.
 - (xi) Self-attested SC/ST/OBC/PWD/EWS certificate issued by the competent authority.
 - (xii) Two Passport size Photographs, crossed signed by the candidate, one of which to be affixed on the Application Form.
 - (xiii) Undertaking against Ragging (to be submitted through on-line). The UGC has launched website for filling up the undertaking on-line www.antiragging.in or asking for the details on helpline@antiragging.in.
 - (xiv) The candidates, who have passed the qualifying examinations from any Foreign University will have to submit Equivalence Certificate from Association of Indian Universities (AIU), New Delhi.
 - (xv) The selected candidate will also be required to execute a bond with DAIC.

16. Important Instructions

16.1. In case the candidate has received overpayment through, he/she is liable to refund the same to DAIC and his/ her employer (if any) or the institution is authorized to recover excess amount from his/her dues, on request from Government of India, and refund the same to DAIC

16.2. No scholarship will be disbursed/ paid directly to the doctoral fellow. Payment for the Doctoral fellowships will be made through the respective universities to which the fellow belongs. Payment of Fellowship will be related in 6 months installments at a time and before next installment utilization certificate and progress report will be requested. The Contingency Fund shall be disbursed in two half yearly installments. The Contingency Fund utilization must be properly accounted for duly supported by vouchers including the interest if any earned thereon.

16.3. The utilization of contingency fund is permissible only for the following purposes:

- a) Purchase of Books/Journals/Monographs etc. related to subject of research not available in DAIC Libraries. However such purchases shall be routed through the library of DAIC for specific utilization for research by the Doctoral Fellows and shall remain the property of DAIC at all times.
- b) Photographic and other media material of relevance required for research.

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- c) Re-Prints and Off Prints of relevant Research Papers.
- d) Registration fee for attending Conferences/ Seminars in India.
- e) Any other specific research related requirement other than for Capital Goods, subject to prior approval of DAIC.

17. Cancellation of the Fellowship

17.1. In consultation with the parent institution of the scholar, the award of DF is liable to be cancelled at any time in the following circumstances:

- a) The DF directly or indirectly commit or become a party to any misconduct or are in breach of any of the obligations under this Regulation.
- b) During the period of study or research, if the DF is involved in any Criminal Proceedings.
- c) The DF received fellowship by misrepresentation of any of the material information and/or by fraudulent act.
- d) Continuing neglect of Research work or unsatisfactory progress in Research or unauthorised and prolonged absence from work.
- e) Disobedience of or indifference to the Supervisor/Joint Supervisor or DAIC/partner institution Staff.
- f) In case, it is proved that the fellow is engaged in plagiarism.
- g) If DAIC decides to discontinue the Research by giving one month's notice in writing.
- h) If the Candidate is later found ineligible or found employed during the research.



कोलंबिया विश्वविद्यालय ने डॉ. बी. आर. अम्बेडकर को 5 जून 1962 में एल.एल.बी. (डॉक्टर ऑन लॉ) की सम्मानित उपाधि प्रदान की और उनका स्वागत "संविधान के निर्माता, कॅबिनेट तथा राज्य सेवा के सदस्य, भारत के एक प्रमुख नागरिक, महान सभाज सुधारक और मानवधिकारों का साहसी समर्थक" कहकर किया।

शिक्षित बनो, संघर्ष करो और संगठित रहो। स्वयं पर विश्वास रखो।

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Guidelines (How to apply)

Applicants / Candidates have to apply as per **Application Form** and submit typed **Research Proposal** in two separate envelopes (Two separate folders if apply online). Only Application Form or Research Proposal have to be mentioned on the envelope, no other details are required. Kindly ensure that no identity (Name, contact number, address etc.) are marked written on the Research proposal. Both envelopes have to be packed in one big sealed envelope (Folder). Applicants / Candidates should mention the applied fellowship on the top of the sealed envelope as given below:

1. “Application for Doctoral Fellowship (National), DAIC”.
2. Sealed envelope may be send to “**The Director, Dr. Ambedkar International Centre (DAIC), 15, Janpath, New Delhi - 110001**” through speed post / registered post only.
3. Application are also invited online at the mail id dir-daic-mosje@gov.in as per the same guidelines given at para 1 above.
4. All documents as per Para 15 of **Dr. Ambedkar Doctoral Fellowship Scheme** to be submitted with the application.